

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 97
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Police Officer Christy Dedman of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals daily face the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by the brave and dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Christy Dedman of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department was one such outstanding public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of her tragic and untimely death in the line of duty on July 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Dickson, Officer Dedman served gallantly with the Metro Nashville Police Department for eleven months, earning the respect and admiration of her fellow officers and the adoration of a grateful public for her unsurpassed dedication and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dedman served with bravery and ability during her tenure with the Metro Nashville Police Department, earning praise for a career marked by selfless service; and

WHEREAS, a trusted member of her community, Officer Dedman regarded her work as an officer to be of the utmost significance; her loyalty and commitment to justice fueled her determination to become an officer of the law, which she did on July 28, 2003, following graduation from the Metro Police Training Academy; and

WHEREAS, despite being new to the police force, Officer Dedman performed her appointed duties in an admirable manner that distinguished her as a credit to both her community and her profession; the Nashville area was undoubtedly made a better and safer place during her service; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2004, Officer Christy Dedman was posthumously presented with the Medal of Valor, the Metropolitan Police Department's highest honor; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Officer Dedman toiled steadfastly at creating a community of peace and justice while remaining a bastion of compassion to her friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dedman was also deeply committed to, devoted to, and inspired by her loving family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Christy Dedman is survived by her caring parents, one brother, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dedman leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity, probity, and valor in her public life as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should join all Tennesseans in remembering the bountiful life of this courageous officer, dutiful public servant, and exceptional human being who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of public safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Officer Christy Dedman, an exceptional officer

and young woman, recalling her impeccable character, unquestionable valor, and stalwart commitment to living an exemplary life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Christy Dedman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.